

OUR PRAYERS
HealthSouth-Central
Marie Hughes 320B

Baptist East
Marguerite Cooper 4358

Methodist G'town
Blanche Scott 327 West

Methodist North
Charles Kicklighter 129

At Home
Jimmie Bedwell Dee Carroll
Marcelle Farrow Martha Wallace
Roger Umnuess Tilford Woodard
Sharon Lockhart
Earl & Juanita Galloway
Gene & Martha Meyer

OUR PRESENCE

February 13

Church School	49
Worship	86
Visitors	4

OUR GIFTS

February 13

Total Rec'd	\$ 2,891
MTD	\$ 13,418

OUR SERVICE

Assisting February 20

Greeters	Elizabeth Godbold Jeanette Leslie
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Lisa Hughes
Children's Time	Tom Lockhart
Lock-up	Barry Mathis

February Scripture Readers
27 Tom Lockhart

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Recently, I saw a story on television about laughter, and its importance to our health. So here is little story about laughter.

In William Barclay's daily devotional Daily Celebration, appears this little story: "There was a little Indian girl at school today," announced my son proudly. "Does she speak English?" I asked. "No," came the quick reply, "but it doesn't matter because she laughs in English!"

Laughter is the universal language. You can laugh in any language and it will be understood. Keep laughing! If you can laugh at it, you can live with it. Laughter is to life what salt is to an egg. Laughter is the cheapest luxury humanity has. It stirs up the blood, expands the chest, electrifies the nerves, clears away the cobwebs from the brain, and gives the whole system a cleaning rehabilitation.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for Feb. 20th
Psalm 119:33-40
Matthew 5:38-48


Sermon Title
"You Can't Be Serious!"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Feb. 20 - Sat., Feb. 26

Sun. 2/20 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship
 6:00p Women of Zion

Mon. 2/21 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 2/22 Washington's Birthday 

Wed. 2/23 6:00p Fellowship & Study
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 2/24 10:00a Bible Study

Fri. 2/25 Offices Closed

Sat. 2/26 9:00a AFLS

METHODISM 202 EVENT COMING MARCH 5

Want to learn more about John Wesley? Wondering about Methodism in America? This study is for you. Emmanuel UMC, 2404 Kirby, will host the study from 9 to 3:30, on Saturday, March 5, with Rev. Dave Hilliard teaching about Wesley and Wayne Hamm leading the American Methodism study. Lunch is included in the \$15 fee. Make checks payable to McKendree District and call Liz Clayton, 590-3688, to register.



LENTEN PREACHING AND LUNCH AT CALVARY

Join us for an inspiring speaker and a delicious lunch at Calvary Episcopal Church on Thursday, March 17. We will leave the church **by bus** at 10:30 a.m. to enjoy a dutch treat lunch at Calvary's Waffle Shop then hear Dr. Marcus J. Borg, Jesus Scholar and author, the speaker of the day. Sign-up sheets are on the office window and kitchen bulletin board.

THANK YOU NOTES

What a Valentine's Lunch we had! The food, decorations and entertainment were all just GREAT! Many thanks to our United Methodist Men for creating such an enjoyable time.

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Dear Aldersgate Family,
 On behalf of all of us, thank you for your thoughtfulness during this difficult time. Your prayers, calls, visits and concern are so appreciated. We miss being able to attend church but continue to feel your love.

Earl & Juanita Galloway
 Janice Galloway Smith

GOING PLACES!

Sign Up Now

March 29 *Marlsgate Mansion*
 Scott, AR
 Tour & lunch included.

April 4-7 *Cajun Country, LA*
 Lafayette
 Vermillion Museum
 Tabasco Factory
 KonRico Rice Mill
 Alexander Mouton Mansion housing
 Mardi Gras costumes
 zydeco music and Cajun dancing
 Call Carolyn, 861-0841, for all the details.



Coming Up

May 3-4 *Columbia, TN*
 Antebellum home tour
 Progressive dinner in the homes
 Tour of Franklin, TN historic area.

June 7-11 *Williamsburg, VA*
 Tour of homes and shoppes
 in the historic area,
 and Jamestown settlement.



A pair of red/yellow speckled reading glasses has been found in the Fellowship Hall. Let us know if they are yours, 683-8861.

UMW NEWS

Its not too late to plan to attend the District Mission Study, "Mission and Evangelism", this Saturday, Feb. 19, at Crossroads from 9 to 2. This is the first time in several years that we have had the opportunity to go to the social action study, meaning we can attend all 3 studies for this year.

Transportation is needed. If you are willing to drive, please let Aleda know.

If you want to go and have not registered, let Aleda or Rebeca know and we will call for you. The fee is \$5.

We now have past president, Donna Smith's address, thanks to Carolyn MCDougal and Jewel Pinkston and past president, Doris Bellott, is very excited about attending our Mar. 20 Unit meeting. If you are a past president, PLEASE let us know if you can come. And don't forget! Give Earline Gabriel your Methodist Auxiliary dues ASAP.

Coming in March

McKendree UMW District Day Apart will be Saturday, March 19, at Covenant UMC, 8350 Walnut Grove, from 8:30 to 1. Lunch will be provided. This Lenten Retreat will be led by Rev. Lora Jean Gowan.

Registration forms are available in the church office or you may call Mary Faulkner, 901-757-8234.

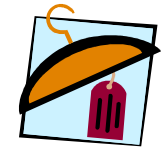
ANGELFOOD INFO

Distribution is on Sat., Feb. 19, from 10 to 11am. Call Rebeca Ernst, 484-7385, to volunteer or for more information.



LETS "PACK THE PANTRY" AT UMNC

Any non-perishable **food** items, especially canned meats, peanut butter, crackers, mac & cheese and canned fruit are welcome. Cash also gratefully accepted. Drop your gifts in the bin by the education wing or place cash/checks in the offering plate noted "Food Pantry".



OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

The United Methodist Neighborhood Centers are in the process of setting up a volunteer schedule for working in the Thrift Store. Help is needed Tues., Wed., and Thurs. for the 9-12 or 1-4 shifts, one day a month or more. If you would like to help, let me know what day(s) and shift(s) interest you. Thank you. Sharon Lockhart 754-3429

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Reach out in faith. You will not be disappointed.

"CALL TO WORSHIP" QUARTET IN CONCERT



...at Colonial Baptist church on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. Join us as our own Luke, Greg, Wayne and Ron share God's message of hope, love and salvation. They feel blessed to have recorded with gospel music legend, Ben Speer, and to have won the 2005 Songfest Talent Review. Admission is free. A love offering will be taken.